# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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GOODS BY ROAD TRANSPORT
Naik Shri Shripad Yasso

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether transportation of goods by road is recently increasing as compared to rail route;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the projection of transport of goods by road during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) the steps taken by the government to augment the transportation of goods by road?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) As per the latest available data the movement of goods/freight traffic by Road Transport has increased from 6.0 Billion Tonne Kilometers during 1950-51 to 646 Billion Tonne Kilometers during the year 2004-05. As regards Railways the movement of goods has increased from 37.6 Billion Tonne Kilometers in 1950-51 to 407.4 Billion Tonne Kilometers in 2004-05.

(c) The projections made for the Eleventh Five Year Plan keeping in view the annual average growth rate of 9 percent are as under:-

| 11th Five Year Plan years | Freight movement by Road in Billion Tonne Kilometres |
|---|---|
| 2007-08 | 844 |
| 2008-09 | 927 |
| 2009-10 | 1019 |
| 2010-11 | 1120 |
| 2011-12 | 1231 |

(d) Increase in transportation of goods by road depends on the demand, its competitive edge over other modes of transport, better road infrastructure etc. The Government has taken up an ambitious project for upgradation and development of National Highways under National Highways Development Project for smooth and steady movement of motor vehicles across the country. The Government has also notified the Carriage by Road Act, 2007 on 1.10.2007 to cater to the modern day requirement of transportation by road.